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HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

D. L. CANNON.

The year 1912 marks the twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Clemson College Young Men's Christian Association. It was in 1900, when the threatening clouds overshadowed the future of the association, that the Y. M. C. A. was founded with Mr. Boykin, of the class of 1902, as the first president. Many were the obstacles that the first cabinet met with in carrying out its work at Clemson. As a missionary in a foreign field, the association began its work among a student body that frowned upon the organization. With Mr. Boykin, followed in succession by Messrs. Young and Speer as presidents, the association began its real work. In the selection of general secretaries, the associa-

tion has been very fortunate in obtaining strong men. Among the first was Mr. Ray H. Legate, a very strong man, who now fills the position of general secretary of the association at Vanderbilt University. After Mr. Legate, came Mr. N. L. Prevost, who was in September, 1910, succeeded by Mr. Robt. L. Sweeney, a graduate of the University of Texas.

The Young Men's Christian Association represents a phase of religious life not taken up by any other religious organization. Confining its work solely to young men, it seeks to turn out to the world those who are morally able to combat the dangers that the world offers. It tries to come closer to the boys, and to make them all feel an interest in religious activities.

The Clemson College association is upon the eve of its greatest work. With the growth of the college itself, the association too needs to grow.

A RETROSPECTION.

By A. G. SMALL.

Membership.—The membership enrollment of the association for this session up to date has been very large, much larger than in preceding years, and one of which we are proud. We have an enrollment of 441, the majority of which is made up of the best men in college. 250 of the above enrollment have paid their dues and are full fledged members; and a goodly number of the remainder will pay their dues in the near future. The membership committee, which is in charge of this department, is to be commended very highly for its efficient work.

Bible Study.—Next to the membership committee, this is the most important department of the association work; because it touches more men and brings them under the teachings of God's word. Very great interest has been taken in Bible study. We have an enrollment of 393 men, 70 per cent of whom attend classes regularly. These classes meet once a week, usually every Sunday night, and are taught by leaders selected from the student body. In addition to the classes taught by the students, we have three normal classes lead by two members of the faculty and one of the ministers of the community. These classes are for the training of the student leaders, and are doing very efficient work. We certainly appreciate the help that these normal class leaders, Professors Taylor and Brackett, and Rev. Mr. Mills, are giving us.

Missions.—The University of North Carolina, with the help of Clemson College, keeps a missionary in the foreign fields. Today, Mr. Eugene Barnett, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, labors in China, aided by the prayers and the contributions of his association men in the above named colleges. To the missionary fund the students contribute cheerfully.

While helping the cause of missions abroad, we study the subject at home. In the classes 142 men registered but, of this number, only about 35 per cent. Popular sentiment and wrong impressions have done much to block the mission study work.

Religious Meetings.—The work of this department has been very gratifying. At all of the meetings, which were held on Sunday evenings, the attendance has been excellent, and we have been successful in securing the best speakers in our reach to address these meetings. We hope, before the close of this session, to have many more men from the State to address us.

Prayer Meetings.—Our failure to hold our usual prayer services on Wednesday evenings has not been because of a lack of interest on the part of the association workers. In the first place, our old Y. M. C. A. room was torn up, and our new one was not ready for occupancy. On the fourth floor of Barracks Number 1 we now have a commodious assembly room; and, in this, we hope to hold our meetings in the near future. Besides being near at hand for the cadets who wish to attend the meetings, it is a comfortable and homelike meeting place.

Social.—In this department the association has not progressed as rapidly as the members had hoped. Many things have impeded the work, foremost among which is the lack of funds.

"College Night," the annual reception tendered to all cadets by the Y. M. C. A., was an enjoyable occasion; and, while this has been practically our only social gathering, we hope that the future may bring forth other festivities to pass.

The "Bible Class Banquet," given in honor of the Bible class averaging the best attendance, will come off in April.

Conference.—Each year at Montreat, N. C., the conference of the students in association work in the Southern colleges, convenes. There, amid the mountains of the Old North State, for

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Rural Work.—Out of Clemson's 600 men, a few may be found who manifest an interest in helping others. Under the department of Rural Work, men go from the college to the neighboring churches to aid in Sunday school work. At the Old Stone Church, Sunday school meets each Sabbath afternoon, under the leadership of a Clemson cadet who unselfishly gives his afternoon to the cause of a good work. While there are many branches of rural work to be dealt with at the college, the association has not yet been able to spread out in this department, and carry on the work that it has wished to.

Y. M. C. A. TREASURER'S REPORT.

From September, 1911, to February 11, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from session 1910-11.....	\$ 171.85
Membership fees.....	481.00
Alumni contribution.....	47.00
Barnett mission fund.....	23.25
Advertisements in Y. M. C. A. Handbook.....	47.50
Books sold.....	30.80

\$ 801.40

Overdrawn account in Treasurer's office..... 43.57

\$ 844.97

EXPENDITURES.

Loans to students to attend Montreat Summer Conference	\$ 65.00
Secretary's expense to Conference.....	20.00
Athletic committee.....	23.67
Religious meetings committee.....	31.50
Paid on Secretary's salary.....	480.00
Bible and mission study books.....	38.50
Bible study committee.....	10.80
Pledge to Interstate Committee—in part.....	25.00
Pledge to International Committee—in part.....	25.00
Secretary's board at club—10 days in September.....	6.20
Membership committee.....	6.35
Paid on Y. M. C. A. Handbook—printing and binding..	87.50
Incidentals and Printing.....	25.45

\$ 844.97

A. K. GOLDFINCH,

Treas.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RELIGIOUS MEETING COMMITTEE.

J. N. STRIBLING.

The committee on religious meetings attempted to have the meetings of the association regularly every Sunday evening. Up to this time the chapel has been used almost entirely for these meetings; but now since the new hall in barracks has been finished, it will be used, except when circumstances make the use of the chapel necessary.

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EDITORIAL.

In giving this issue of The Tiger as a special Y. M. C. A. issue, we feel that we are giving it as an issue to help one of the great activities of our college work. The Y. M. C. A. deserves our interest and our support. To Mr. D. L. Cannon, the president-elect of the Y. M. C. A., must be given all the credit for getting up the material relating to the Y. M. C. A. work for this issue.

The Y. M. C. A. is one of the most potent factors for good that we have in our college life. The Y. M. C. A. stands for those things which are high, uplifting, and ennobling; it opposes all that is morally or spiritually wrong, and lends encouragement to those who are trying to do the right. The influences of this phase of our college life are seen in all the better and higher things which we as college men do. Young men, especially college men, need all the influences for good that can be thrown about them, and the Y. M. C. A. tends to meet this end. Its purpose in college work is to help the men who are in college, in every way possible. It is an organization formed and kept up for this purpose. The young man in college naturally drifts away from the great truths taught him at his mother's knee, if he has nothing to keep these truths still burning within him; and if he has nothing which will enlarge on these truths and give him the greater and enlarged view of them. When the young man goes to college, he is away from his home influences, and is apt to fall into bad hands, unless he is directed in the right course in some way. The Y. M. C. A. attempts to get all these men when they first come to college, and to start them on the right way.

The success of its work depends on those who are directing it and on the attitude of the other men to it.

There are many commendable features of the Y. M. C. A. work in college. In fact, all its attempts are something good. The general good fellowship it causes among the men, the Bible study work that it gives, and the men who are brought here by the Y. M. C. A. to lecture, are all of inestimable benefit to a group of men situated as are Clemson's men. The Y. M. C. A. brings many of the best men from our State to the college for the weekly Sunday evening address. Men of strong personalities and of firm characters, who have seen and enjoyed the good things of life are brought to the college to tell the boys about them. Take these from our memory as some of the forcible strong men who have come to Clemson under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. this year: Ex-Governor M. F. Ansel; Dr. D. M. Ramsey, President G. F. C.; Dr. Douglas, President Presbyterian College of S. C.; Professor H. T. Cox, Professor Furman University; the Reverend W. H. Hudson, a missionary to China, and many others as good. All of these men have come to us with something good, and all because of this organization which is interested in the moral welfare of Clemson's men. But the work of this body does not stop when it has furnished Sunday evening speakers. It extends further, and gives to the men in barracks the Bible study work which is necessary to the full development of the man.

The Y. M. C. A. needs our support. It is helping us, and helping our college. Are we helping it as we should? Every man is not expected to lead the various activities connected with this work, but it is his duty to aid it with his influence, if possible. At least, he should not hinder it as he does when he jeers at it, or even passes it by lightly. The Y. M. C. A. is one of our good things—our best things; so we should help it in its work of influencing the lives of our college men to the higher and better things of life.

In our college activities, we have those things which are voluntary and those that we are forced into. The ones which we are forced into, are done, because we have to do them. The ones which are voluntary are either done or left undone as it suits us as college men to do or not to do them. One of the important voluntary phases of our college life, is the Sunday school held in the college chapel on Sunday mornings. Some take an interest in this and attend, others are indifferent and stay away. The latter are in the majority. There are about one hundred men who attend Sunday school regularly on Sunday morning, the other hundreds neglect this phase of college life and of their life's work. The Sunday school is for the cadets, and for all the cadets who want to attend. The work of the members of the faculty who come each Sunday to teach the cadets is entirely voluntary, and is done because these men realize the good that such an institution like a Sunday school can do for a crowd of young men. Professor B. J. Wells is now superintendent of the Sunday school, and the following men teach classes: Professors Daniel, Keitt, Houston, Hunter, Morrison, and Martin. These men teach their classes; and then, after the class period, some one of them generally makes a short address. These men all do this in order to help the young men of Clemson.

The Sunday school should receive more support from the young men than it does. It is one of the good phases of our college, and more men should begin to realize this, and to spend this one hour on Sunday mornings in Sunday school. The work is done for your good, and only those who attend get this good from it. Help yourself to many of the good things you need in life by going to the Clemson College Sunday school on Sunday morning from 10 to 11 o'clock.

COLLEGE SPIRIT.

Patriotism is that attribute of citizenship which safeguards the honor as well as the interests of city, state, and nation. In times of war, patriotism obliterates party and sectional lines, unites the people in a common cause, and if necessary in a common sacrifice. In times of peace, it forwards the cause of civic righteousness and elects to office only such men as are qualified to assume responsibility, and are worthy of trust. Patriotism is the "work of a noble soul" and when selfishness and greed supplant it bitterness and selfish interests spring up, and party interests elect to office men who are a "reproach to any people." When patriotism wanes, the glory of the nation is obscured, and its downfall portended.

What patriotism is to a state and nation "College Spirit" is to a college. What war is to a nation in uniting its people and obliterating factional lines, intercollegiate contests should be to a college. In fact intercollegiate athletic contests are, to my mind justified principally by this. Even granting that the physical training gained by the participants is beneficial, the money and time and effort would not be justified for the interest of these few. But intercollegiate athletics exists for the benefit of those who do not play and properly regulated and sanely viewed by the student body is one of the greatest factors in creating and maintaining that institutional patriotism necessary to the well being of every college.

For college spirit rightly regarded must do its perfect work in times of war. It must lead the student body to esteem honor and manliness and brook nothing that reflects discredit upon their college. It must guide in the selection of officers, to the end

that fitness for a position shall be the only consideration that a candidate will dare to offer. To get the best man regardless of club or class, or company affiliation is a duty of college patriotism. No safe foundation other than fairness in such matters can be found, and fairness demands that an office go to the candidate who is best qualified.

Has there been a decline in college spirit at Clemson during the past few years? I fear so. Looking back over sixteen years of Clemson's history it seems to me that I have never noted so little enthusiasm in athletics, and so few candidates for the athletic teams. There seems to be a decline in the interest in literary society work, and in almost every class for the last year or two there has been more or less of a "split." I am told that there exists a desire for partisan advantages in the election of class and society officers, and even the officers of the athletic teams. That the desire to put in the best man is subordinated to the desire to elect a man who represents one or other of the warring factions.

Is this a true picture of conditions? I hold it up for every patriotic student to look at and pronounce judgment. If it is true what causes have sprung up during the past few years to bring such conditions about? What is the underlying cause of division—what is the lines along which the classes, and the student body even, often split? I shall welcome the opinion of any student to help me to discover the trouble. And when discovered it shall be removed, for no single interest however innocent or important in itself should be allowed to stand as an impediment to development of the college as a whole, or to disease and stunt the proper growth of college spirit in the student body.

W. M. RIGGS,
President.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21, 1912.



Bible Class Leaders, 1910-11

PALMETTO SOCIETY CELEBRATION.

As a fitting climax to the holiday, the corps and people of the Hill were, on the evening of the twenty-second, given a pleasant surprise in the exceptionally good annual celebration of the Palmetto Literary Society, held in Memorial Hall. The society has been universally congratulated on the excellent character of the entertainment, which was declared to have been the best of its kind held for several years. The stage was fittingly decorated with ferns and plants, forming an appropriate background against which the white ducks and dress coats of the speakers showed up well. The college orchestra rendered several selections in a lively and pleasing manner. The marshals, W. H. Hayes (chief), L. F. Yates, W. G. McLeod, T. C. Gentry, and C. H. Stanton, in conventional dress uniform, with their broad sashes of gold and black, added a bit of color that helped to round out the general pleasing effect. The presiding officer, Mr. H. C. Jennings, with an appropriate address, welcomed those present; and, after a word or two concerning societies and their work at Clemson, introduced the first speaker on the program, which was as follows:

DECLAIMERS.

Alwar Clyde Turbeville, of Charleston. Subject: "The Vindication of South Carolina."

Claud Banks Faris, of Fort Mill. Subject: "The Path of History."

ORATORS.

James Minor Workman, of Mayesville. Subject: "The Value of Ideals."

Thomas Crawford Haddon, of Hodges. Subject: "Agricultural Progress in the Southern States."

DEBATE.

Query: Resolved, That the Principles of the Initiative and the Referendum Should be Incorporated in the Constitution of South Carolina.

Affirmative: Joseph Norton Stribling, of Walhalla, S. C.

Negative: Evey Eugene Hall, Fort Mill, S. C.

The judges for the evening, Professors F. H. H. Calhoun, D. H. Henry, and T. G. Poats, after a few moments consultation, rendered their decision through Dr. Calhoun, who, after a few appropriate remarks, awarded medals to C. B. Faris for declamation, T. C. Haddon for oration, and E. E. Hall for debate.

LITERARY : : SOCIETIES

PALMETTO.

The query for last evening was: Resolved, That the State Dispensary Should be Re-established. The debate was a very interesting one, and, as a whole, the debaters showed that they had put some good work on their respective parts. The affirmative was discussed by Messrs. T. A. Jennings, J. W. Sanders, and R. B. Stewart; while the negative was upheld by Messrs. E. M. Rowell, W. E. Bowers, and T. B. Rogers.

The declaimer was Mr. C. G. Faris. Messrs. A. H. Ward and P. L. White read excellent essays on the subjects of "Women in the War" and "R. E. Lee," respectively.

Mr. W. H. Hayes gave the society a short but humorous extemporaneous speech.

It was the pleasure of the society to have Messrs. T. E. Bell, E. P. Josey and J. T. Lazar of the Calhoun Society visit us. Each made the society a short talk. We are always ready to welcome any visitor among us.

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It is the purpose of the committee to provide a speaker for each meeting—a speaker who is known to be a man consecrated to the service of the Master—a man who will have a message for everyone who will attend. The list of speakers for the past few months contains the names of many such men. The committee is not ashamed of this list.

The attendance has also been good, but the last few meetings have shown a decrease. Is this the fault of the committee? If so, hand in your complaint at once. Attempts will be made to remedy it. But, the fault may be yours! If so, why? Be frank with yourself and with the association. Why do men stay away so often? Do you fear to enter the house of the Lord?

There is no plausible excuse for not having every man in college at the services every Sunday evening. These meetings are for your benefit. It is a way the association has of helping you—this giving you an opportunity of hearing a man who is able to point out the paths which lead to the glory of the Kingdom of God; a man who is inspired by the Holy Spirit. He may be the very man who will lead you to God.

THE PLAY'S THE THING.

R. L. SWEENEY.

On Tuesday night, May 7th, 1912, the famous Coburn Open Air Players will present Shakespeare's "———?———?" on the Clemson Campus, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. But perhaps we had better explain the interrogations. Here's the scheme: The Coburn Players present seven of Shakespeare's plays, or, as some would say, they have that number of the plays in their "repertoire!" These are "Much Ado About Nothing," "Taming of the Shrew," "Merchant of Venice," "Romeo and Juliet," "Twelfth Night," and "Macbeth"—these six, "As You Like It" making the seventh. "As You Like It" they presented here last spring; so we should hardly ask them to repeat it. But from the other six plays, we want the cadets to select the one which they prefer to have presented this May. Call by Room 83 at any time, and let us know your preference.

Now what about the Coburn Open-air Players? To use a trite and time-frazzled remark, they "speak for themselves." After their performance here last spring, the consensus of opinion seemed to be that they gave the "best show ever seen at Clemson!" This remark is, of course, made for the benefit of those young men who were not at Clemson last May, as well as for those who were here but were unable to get standing room inside the tent. Further elucidating for the benefit of these same, the Coburns are without a superior in this matter of interpreting Shakespeare's plays. They have played in positively every large and well known college in the land—including Clemson—and in almost every case they have been called on for a return engagement. They do the acting right out on the green, using campus shade trees for their scenery, and the starry canopy of heaven for their roof and ceiling effects. Do you get the idea? They do things just as they were done in the old days; and while very few of us remember just how well Shakespeare and his crowd did the thing, a great many of us are of the opinion that they were not talked about half as much as the Coburns were when they played here last May. We could go ahead and use up reams of good paper telling you the grand things that have been said about the Coburns, but it is too near press time. Just watch the columns of the Tiger for developments, or ask any of your friends who were there last spring. And, in the meantime, don't forget to let us know which of those plays you would rather see.



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